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Xavier-affiliated priest arrested at annual protest

BY TARA DIXON
Senior News Writer

In late November, a group of students and staff attended the annual protest against the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation, or WHISC, which is a military school that trains soldiers in subjects like counter-insurgency and commando operations.

Father Joe Mulligan, coordinator of the Nicaragua service learning semester, and Brother Mike O'Grady, a graduate student in theology, were arrested for climbing a fence and entering the military base, traditionally called crossing the line. Both were participating in the protest representing other organizations; they were not with the Xavier group.

Graduate student Stephanie Beck-Borden was at the protest. "I saw Mike cross the line. Essentially he climbed a fence and went over onto the military installation. It's basically federal trespassing," she said.

"Mike and two others did this at the main gate where the procession was taking place."

After Sept. 11, the military base erected a chain-link fence, and in order to cross the line, protesters now need to climb the fence.

Mulligan is currently not in jail. O'Grady is still in the county jail in Columbus, Ga. with two others. "It's a conscientious decision to be there in solidarity with those who don't have the privilege to bail out," Beck-Borden said.

Penalties at the protest were a fine and a letter banning the offender from federal property for a certain amount of time.

Since Sept. 11, however, the penalties for such offenses have gotten tougher. "We're anticipating three to six months to a year in jail, depending on how many times the person has been arrested for civil disobedience," Beck-Borden said.

O'Grady has been able to write



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Brother Mike O'Grady is seen being escorted by the Military Police into a van to be taken to jail. O'Grady stepped onto federal property during the School of America's protest in November 2003, but was not a part of Xavier's delegation to the protest.

letters from jail, and they have been published on the Claver Jesuit Community Web site.

"People will ask: Q: Do you really think you'll change anything? A: I don't know — God knows. Q:

What benefit did/will this Christian witness have? A: I don't know — God knows. Q: Why did you do this? A: I don't know — God knows. I'm just trying to follow His invitation," O'Grady wrote.

"We'd like to talk to him about co-sponsoring legislation in the Senate to do something about closing the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation," Beck-Borden said.

In the past he has taken an interest in the cause. "We want him to take a leadership role in co-sponsoring new legislation," she said.

Those interested in learning more about O'Grady's situation can visit the Claver Jesuit Community Web page at <http://home.fuse.net/claver/index.html>. His letters from the Muscogee County Jail can be read at <http://home.fuse.net/claver/lettersfromjail.htm>.



PHOTO PROVIDED BY STEPHANIE BECK-BORDEN

Protesters scale a chain-link fence to get onto Federal property for this year's protest.

Student parking problems addressed

BY DAN COX
Editor-in-Chief

There's some end in sight for students concerned with parking during home basketball games.

Two games remain that will affect students: Jan. 21 versus LaSalle and the Feb. 3 game against the University of Cincinnati.

Xavier University is required to hold the C-2, C-3 and the C-4 lots open for premium seat ticket holders on game nights. On the day of the game, signs will be posted indicating the need for clearing those spots and the lots will be monitored after 2 p.m.

With the exception of a few event-handicapped parking spaces in the front of the C-2 lot, all unnumbered spots in the C-2, C-3 and C-4 lots are available to students and faculty on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Commuter students and faculty are encouraged by Xavier University to park in the F&W lot and the three lots off Woodburn Avenue. Parking Monitors will be at their posts by 5 p.m. to assist with parking in those areas.

Campus Police Chief Mike Couch does have the following advice for students hunting for a parking spot:

* Arrive early! Especially for the UC game on Feb. 3

* To avoid traffic congestion park in the following lots:

- Sports Center Lot (a shuttle will be available to transport students to their classroom buildings)

- University Drive / Gallagher Student Center Lot

- A / Lexington Lot - located off Montgomery Rd.

- I Lot on Cleary above the Health Center

- Health Center Lot

- Student spaces in the R-2 Lot behind Cohen Center will also be held for Resident and Commuter students returning to campus during the game.

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New Crosstown Shootout Ticket Policy

JOHN THOMAS

Assistant Campus News Editor

This year, a new method of distribution will be implemented to hand out student tickets for the Crosstown Shootout, the annual game between the University of Cincinnati and Xavier.

In previous years, the method in which students could obtain their tickets to the year's most popular basketball game was just like any other: you had to wait in line for hours. With Xavier's new ticket policy, many people in the Xavier community came together to try to work out a better way for students to obtain tickets.

This decision was made based on the results of the XU/UC game that took place at the Cintas Center two years ago. At that time, there were as many as 1,200 students that came out to the game.

This created many problems, mostly concerning safety since the reserved seating for the students was far less than the 1,200 students in attendance. Many were forced to stand where there were no seats, which resulted in fire code violations.

In an attempt to correct this problem, tickets for the 2004 Crosstown Shootout will be distributed by means of a lottery. Any full-time undergraduate student may enter the lottery by simply logging onto their SOS account.

Once logged in, there will be a button that will direct you to the lottery. All you have to do is click the button and you have entered the lottery.

The committee who designed the lottery felt it was necessary to give the upperclassman an advantage in obtaining tickets as a result of this being the last XU/UC game they will

attend before they graduate. Juniors and seniors are allowed 35 percent of the tickets per class, while the freshman and sophomores will receive 15 percent of the tickets per class.

As of now, there are approximately 800 tickets available, but the ticket office is working hard to try and obtain even more seating. The fact that there are 800 seats available does not mean that 800 students will be drawn in the lottery. The students who are selected in the raffle will have the choice of collecting 1 or 2 tickets, with the assumption that the majority of the students selected will opt to have two tickets.

From Jan. 19 to 23, students are able to register for the lottery. The winners will be notified by email on Jan. 28.

The amount of time students will be given is undetermined as of now,

but it will be approximately 48 hours, so that students will not be forced to skip class to claim their tickets.

This form of lottery acts as a stepping stone and is going to be improved for the Shootout held in the Cintas Center in 2006.

One aspect of the lottery that the committee would like to avoid is the possibility that loyal fans may be shut out of the biggest game of the year. Someone who has never been to a game before could enter the lottery and get a ticket, which may seem unfair to fans who attend every game but cannot get a ticket.

The lottery that will take place in the year 2006 will most likely correct that problem.

They intend to keep track of every individual who has attended the most games of the season, and provide priority to them for being loyal fans.

For the unfortunate souls unable to obtain a ticket, University departments such as Residence Life, Student Life, etc., have organized another way for these students to experience the game.

There is going to be a Campus-wide viewing party in the cafeteria in the Gallagher. There will be numerous TVs setup around the cafeteria, and food will be provided.

For more information regarding the lottery, the cafeteria viewing party or the game itself, please contact the Cintas Center Ticket Office for more details, or stop by the Student Government office or E-mail Joanie Weidner at weidner@xu.edu, or call her at x4250.

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Students donate hair

BY LISA DEGENHART

Campus News Editor

Forty Xavier students, both men and women, are growing their hair to donate to Locks of Love, a charity that takes donated hair and creates wigs for underprivileged children. The hair cutting will be held during halftime of the Woman's Basketball game on Feb. 6.

The organization, as it is now known, came into existence in December 1997. In the first year, the organization only produced 21 wigs a year, but now they produce over 1,000.

The children receiving these wigs have lost their hair due to medical conditions, the most common being alopecia areata. This disease causes the white blood cells to attack the hair follicles resulting in hair loss in the

scalp as well as other areas of the body. This disease affects more than 4.5 million Americans and has no known cause or cure.

This initiative was started at Xavier by sophomore Rebecca Foley. She became interested in the organization in high school and thought it was a good way to get involved. She saw the extent of students' interest and figured that she could bring that same excitement to Xavier.

"It is an easy way to help someone else," Foley said.

It takes 10 ponytails of 10 inches or longer to make one wig. Foley's goal is to have 50 people donate so that they can make five wigs.

She is hoping to have another hair cutting sometime in the spring. If other students are interested in getting involved, they can contact Foley at x5622 or by e-mail at Revel27@aol.com.

Police Notes

December 10, 7:21 p.m. — Three juveniles were arrested for aggravated robbery after using a BB pistol to rob a commuter student in the F&W Woodburn Lot. The victim reported no injuries, and the suspects were then traced back to at least one previous robbery on campus that happened in the past month.

December 12, 2:30 a.m. — A commuter student reported being assaulted by another male student while he was in his car at the intersection of Cleaneay and Montgomery Road. The victim suffered serious facial injuries, and the incident was later determined to have happened as an act of revenge.

December 16, 7:45 a.m. — A 26-year-old non-student was discovered taking pictures of the feet of females studying in the McDonald Library. He was escorted off the property and was asked not to return.

December 16, 5 p.m. — A 41-year-old non-student was arrested for soliciting money from students in the F&W Woodburn Lot. The subject was sent to jail as a result of previous arrest warrants.

December 24, 3 p.m. — Two juveniles were arrested after they were observed doing doughnuts in the rear Cintas Center lots using stolen church vans. The suspects admitted to breaking into the church and stealing Christmas presents and gift certificates that had been donated by the church community and were going to be given to less unfortunate families.

January 3, 2:50 p.m. — Campus Police and Cincinnati Police investigated four apartments that were broken into at 1019 Dana Ave. over Christmas Break.

Police Notes of the Week

January 10, 11 p.m. — There was a fatal shooting on Montgomery Road between Dana Avenue and the entrance to 7th South.

January 12, 11:30 p.m. — There was a second shooting in the same area, leaving one person in critical condition. Please use caution when driving through this area.



2004 Skyline Chili Crosstown Shootout Xavier Student Ticket Procedure



Ticket Distribution for the Skyline Chili Crosstown Shootout will be conducted via LOTTERY.

Any full-time undergraduate student may enter the lottery via Student Online Services (S.O.S.) and available 24 hours a day from January 19-23.

Entries will be chosen via RANDOM selection with preference to upperclassmen.

Winners will be notified via e-mail on January 28th.

S.O.S. can be accessed from the "popular sites" dropdown box on Xavier's homepage (www.xavier.edu).

A Xavier campus-wide viewing party for those not attending the game will be held.

Details will be announced at a later date.



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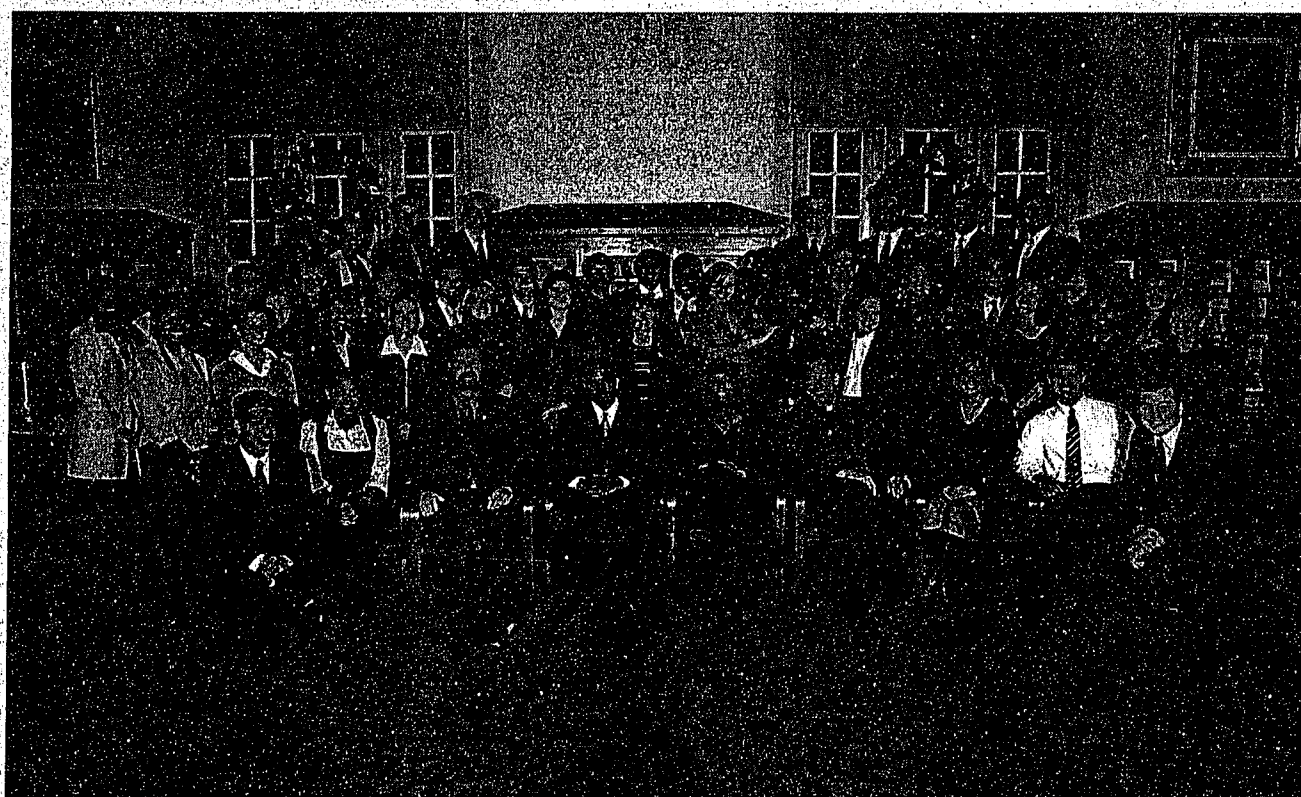
Derek Blank, Editor

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STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

Welcome Back Xavier Students

Both Student Senate and the Student Activities Council would like to welcome back all students to campus. Best wishes for a productive and successful academic semester!

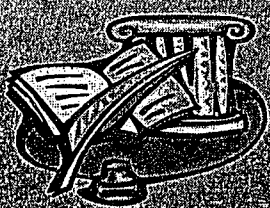


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Corey Hawthorne

SENATOR

Office Hours:
Monday, 6-8pm

Student Relations

Hometown: Philadelphia, PA
High School: West Catholic
Current Year: Freshman
Major: Sports Marketing/ Sports Management
Other Clubs, Interests: BSA, Leadership Committee, Antonio Johnson Committee, Gospel Choir, Full-time manager of the Women's Basketball Team

Reason for Attending Xavier: Great stuff and beautiful campus.

Favorites...

Class at Xavier: Oral Communications

Meal at the Cafeteria: Chicken Parmesan

Weekend Activity: Xavier Women's Basketball Games

Movie: *Jerry Maguire*

Book: *Of Mice and Men* by John Steinbeck

If you could choose any three people in the world to have dinner with, who would you choose? Alicia Keys, Tiger Woods, and Santa Clause



Lauren Li

SAC MEMBER

Office Hours:
Vary

Homecoming,
Co-Sponsorship

Hometown: Athambra, California
High School: Mark Keppel High School
Current Year: Freshman
Major: International Affairs, History minor
Favorites...

Class at Xavier: Dr. Mengel's European History and Dr. Melcher's Honors Theology

Meal at the Cafeteria: You're kidding me.

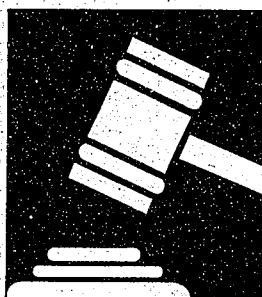
Weekend Activity: Hanging out, dancing or doing what suits me best during the weekend

Movie: *Love Actually*

Book: *The Awakening* by Kate Chopin and *Invisible Man* by Ralph Ellison

If you could choose any three people in the world to have dinner with, who would you choose? Oprah Winfrey, Orlando Bloom, and my hero Emeril Lagasse

The purpose of the SGA Profile sections is to better acquaint the students of Xavier University with their elected/appointed representatives. Each week a different member of Senate and SAC will be featured. Next week: Rhianan Price and Helen Todd



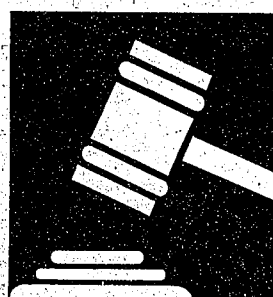
ATTENTION ALL CLUBS:

It is necessary to send at least one representative to one of SGA's upcoming Budget Information Sessions:

- Tues, Jan. 20
at 10:30pm

- Weds, Jan. 21
at 5:45pm

...both will be held in the SGA office



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- STAFF EDITORIAL -

Gym etiquette

Perhaps you made a New Year's Resolution to work out or you received "Pumping Iron" as a gift for Christmas. If you are an O'Connor newcomer, you might want to take into consideration a couple of these gym pointers.

Before visiting the gym, make a plan for yourself. Sit down and schedule times to work out throughout the week. To keep yourself interested, make sure the activities you choose are enjoyable. If possible, find a partner with whom to exercise, because it's harder to break your commitment to exercising if you have a buddy to work out with.

Mix cardiovascular activities — biking, treadmill, elliptical machine, Stairmaster, etc. — with weightlifting. To burn fat and get lean, you will probably want to have a steady diet of cardio about five days a week and weightlifting for three.

This may sound a tad daunting, but don't be intimidated. There are additional options besides simply running five times a week. Cardiovascular exercise doesn't have to be restrained to only running and walking. The Sports Center offers racquetball, basketball, swimming and several different aerobics classes.

When waiting for a treadmill or exercise bike, do not wait directly behind the person running or biking. This is creepy and annoying. Find another machine or stretch while waiting. The same goes for weightlifting. Simply find another exercise for your targeted muscle group and move on.

The weight room may intimidate some people. Maybe you don't know some of the weight room etiquette or cannot lift as much as the next person. It's important to be both considerate and sensitive of your fellow lifters.

If it is essential that you use a

certain piece of exercise equipment and it is being used, be sure to ask the person exercising (not during the lift) how many sets they have left.

Sets, by the way, are exercise efforts that have a number of reps — short for repetitions. This will let that person know you are waiting for the equipment. While waiting, make certain you are out of the way of other people's lifts. It can be dangerous and embarrassing to get too close to active exercisers.

While lifting, use weight collars. They are the small metal clips that fit on the end of a free weight bar. It is also essential to have a spotter. The best solution is to find a workout partner who will push you during the exercise and keep you from hurting yourself.

Do core-lifting exercising first. Squats, bench, leg and shoulder presses are all examples of exercises that work numerous muscles. Do intensive, concentrated exercises such as bicep curls, tricep pull-downs, and calf raises last. Don't be one of those individuals who does curls and tricep exercises and leaves.

Wear shorts and a shirt. Do not wear a hat — you look silly and it will get in the way. Always unload the weight from your bar and place it on the correct branch of the weight rack. Sit down while using the lat pull-down machines. If necessary, do research about the exercises you plan to do.

Most importantly, though, you should have fun. Getting fit should by no means be painful. Besides, you won't last long into the semester if you don't enjoy working out. Don't be shy either; preparing yourself by finding a partner and creating a workout plan will give you the courage to make frequent trips to O'Connor Sports Center.

Rich should not be ashamed

Regarding Brian Ray's Dec. 10 letter to the editor entitled "Over-looking Poverty," I have to wonder when was it exactly that Mr. Ray became so utterly sure of his own moral superiority over the rest of all affluent Americans? Is hatred of the rich the great new progressive cause, or what? Is "socio-economic mingling" really so valuable that we should stop using the skywalk, the parking garages, the interstate highway system, and all other such "inventions" which are "systematically built to enable the rich"?

Indeed, shall we give up all of the wonderful conveniences that define our standard of living, lest we come across as "insulting" to-

ward all those who cannot make it out of poverty and squalor?

Dare we, (perish the thought) continue to enjoy those blessings

"Is hatred of the rich the great new progressive cause, or what?"

that by adding to our comfort are "truly ripping our country apart"? Well, yes. I do. I think the "growing economic gap" is a wonderful sign because when the rich get richer and the poor get richer at a slower

rate, everything really does work out best for all now, doesn't it?

How wonderful it will truly be if someday I too might "[raise] my children in the suburbs, [take them] to their exclusive schools in SUVs, and [drop them off] at the local mall with handfuls of cash."

Do not be ashamed of your economic well-being, Mr. Ray. Be thankful, and I hope you too had a merry holiday season. Peace and goodwill to all men, the rich and middle-class included.

— David Warfield
Class of '06

Police actions

As the new semester begins, I would like to remind members of the campus community to be aware of their safety on campus and to help Campus Police provide a secure environment for all of us.

Just prior to final exam week, a student was robbed by three subjects near the corner of Dana and Ledgewood Avenue. The student was walking back to his car in the F&W parking lot, when he was approached by three males who indicated that they had a gun and then demanded the student's car keys. When the three juveniles fled with his keys, the male student ran to the emergency telephone on the corner.

Campus Police officers were

immediately dispatched to the scene and were able to arrest all three of the subjects. The student was not injured. The three juveniles were also involved in at least one other incident where Xavier students were robbed near campus.

I would like to commend the officers Tom Leung, Carl Denney and Bob Reihis and dispatcher Edna Vogelgesang for their quick response in coming to the aid of the student.

The officers were able to make the arrest, in part, because the student remained calm and used the emergency telephone to call for help.

— Sylvia Bessegato
Associate VP for Student Development/Dean of Students

Safety Tips

- *Be alert and aware of the people around you.
- *Don't walk alone at night.
- *Use the campus shuttle or on-campus escort service during the night.
- *Use public walkways, avoid shortcuts and dark and secluded places.
- *Always lock your car doors and have your keys out when you approach your car.
- *Use an emergency telephone if you feel in danger or threatened.
- *Report suspicious persons or activity to Campus Police.

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Dear Mole Man,
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Dear Doc,
When I am jumping rope, the bottoms of my feet hurt. How can I stretch them?
Signed,
Double Dutch

Dear DD,
You may have painful heel syndrome which can be relieved by stretching. We have a stair exercise you can do. Stop by the Health & Counseling Center for an instruction sheet.

Dear Doc,
What is the safest and most effective way to lose weight?
Signed,
Ed Kinsdyet

Dear Ed,
Control portions, eliminate 500 calories a day from your diet and increase exercise.



Questions are answered by Dr. James P. Konerman, the medical director of the Health and Counseling Center and graduate of Xavier University. Questions for Doc Talk can be dropped off at the Health and Counseling Center or emailed to opednews@xmail.com.

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Shootout tickets to be determined by lottery

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Blue Jackets offer promotion to college students

The Columbus Blue Jackets, in conjunction with Time Warner and CD101, invite college students to enjoy a full night of entertainment and hockey action beginning at 5 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 29 in the Arena District when the Blue Jackets host the Nashville Predators.

For only \$23, college students can purchase this specially-priced package that includes one movie ticket to "Ferris Bueller's Day Off," one ticket to the game, a Blue Jackets t-shirt, a voucher for five wings from participating Buffalo Wild Wings locations and entry to the postgame concert across the street at PromoWest Pavilion, featuring the music of Fenster and Fatkid Dodgeball.

To order the College Night package, call (614) 246-PUCK or order online at BlueJackets.com.

Ganderson named Rookie-of-the-Week

Freshman guard Suntana Granderson was named Atlantic 10 Rookie-of-the-Week on Sunday morning, just hours before the Musketeers tipped off at Duquesne.

Granderson is the first Musketeer to win Rookie-of-the-Week honors since sophomore Tara Boothe won a record 11 times last season.

The award for Granderson came after a pair of 20-point efforts against Duquesne and St. Bonaventure.

Basketball takes center stage over winter holiday

BY DAVE GILMORE
Sports Editor

MEN'S BASKETBALL

While most Xavier students were home with friends and family for the winter holidays, the men's basketball team was hard at work winning five of six games and positioning themselves for another run at the Atlantic 10 title.

On Sunday, the Musketeers opened up their conference schedule with an 81-67 road win at Rhode Island, riding a 22-point performance by senior Romain Sato and a strong showing of nine rebounds apiece from senior Anthony Myles and freshman Justin Doellman.

The Rams came into the game with an impressive 11-4 record, in addition to winning their first conference game against Fordham.

The win was also Xavier's 16th-straight Atlantic 10 Conference regular season victory.

XU visits Duquesne tonight at 7:30 p.m. in a game that will be broadcast on Fox Sports Net Ohio.

The most impressive win of the six-game stretch came back on Jan. 3 against Alabama.

The Muskies downed the Crimson Tide, 68-47, in an act of vengeance after last year's loss at the hands of a stronger Alabama squad who at one time was ranked No. 1 in the country.

Myles collected a career-high 19 points and a game-high eight rebounds.

The game started out close, but Xavier's intense man-to-man defense forced 17 turnovers and held the offensive efforts of the Tide to a paltry 19 points in the second half.

Before Xavier kicked off the New Year, the squad put together two big home wins against mid-major opponents Elon and Morehead State, knocking them out by 17 and 27, respectively.

Sato has really begun to hit his stride, posting his most impressive scoring effort so far this year against Morehead. Xavier's star senior shot 68.4 percent from the field (13-19), including a 6-for-12 performance from three-point range, to tally a

season-high 32 points in the game. Sato's career-high is 35 points.

The sole down-note the Musketeers incurred during the six-game stretch was a tough road loss at Iowa State.

The Cyclones downed the Muskies, 71-68, in a tight battle against a large and boisterous crowd.

The loss marked the fourth for Xavier in as many road appearances.

The Muskies also narrowly escaped the Ragin' Cajuns of UL-Lafayette back on Dec. 20 by a score of 78-74.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

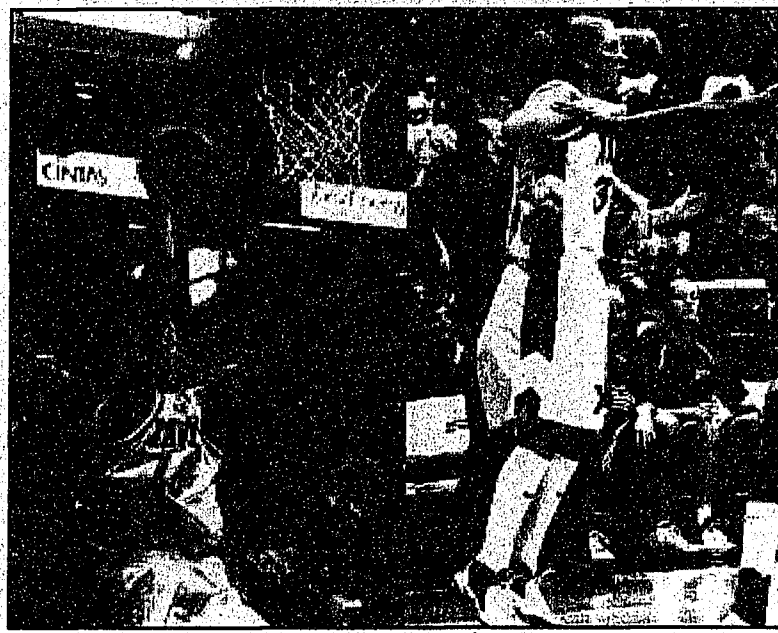
BY CASEY WELDON
Sports writer

After getting out to a quick 5-2 start, a young Musketeer squad rolled into conference play and winter break with high hopes. Youth and an overall lack of team continuity (due to the short time playing together) caused the Lady Musketeers to limp through the holiday season to a 4-4 record, leaving the inexperienced Muskies at 9-6 overall (1-3 in the A-10).

Candace Futrell of Duquesne had a career-high 36 points in Xavier's annual trip to Pittsburgh. Sophomore Tara Boothe's 31 points, which ties her career-high, were not enough to propel the fading Muskies over this year's sleeper in the A-10.

The Dukes jumped out to a quick 16-2 run to start the half, but the inexperience didn't seem to hurt the Muskies, as they scampered back into the contest. XU cut all the way into the lead midway through the second period, trailing by two with eight minutes to play.

The battle-tested Duquesne bunch was relentless the rest of the way, refusing to give an inch to the young, talented XU squad. The Dukes ran away with the rest of the game, finishing ahead by 14 points



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Freshman Justin Doellman (15) has broken into the starting five after solid performances over the last several games. Sophomore Tara Boothe was busy over the break as well, logging a career-high 33 points against Duquesne.

when the final buzzer sounded, 83-69.

Playing in front of a record crowd of 1,523 fans at the Reilly Center, Xavier clawed their way to a nail-biting finish against a much-maligned St. Bonaventure basketball program. Boothe's 25 points and 10 rebounds were enough to propel Xavier to a 63-61 victory.

Despite freshman Suntana Granderson's career-high 24 points, Richmond University's overall team experience proved too much for the young Lady Musketeers. The Spiders knocked off the Muskies 82-79 in overtime at home, XU's fourth home loss this year.

Coming off a historic four-overtime thriller last season versus George Washington at the Cintas Center, this pair of NCAA Tournament teams from a year ago found it difficult to live up to the excitement of last year's highly-contested game. Despite a valiant effort, Cathy Jones and Ugo Oha proved too much and caused the Muskies to fall at home again, 65-49.

Possibly looking ahead to their ensuing A-10 schedule, the Muskies had a hard time with the mid-major St. Francis squad. In the end, the elite talent of the Lady Musketeers

proved too much. Boothe's double-double led the way for XU, as they pulled off the hard-fought victory, 73-64.

The Lady Muskies proved to have little trouble dealing with the Pitt squad. Xavier dominated the Panthers 72-48. Granderson's hot-shooting (8-for-9 from the field), led the Muskies with 21 points.

With the addition of NC State transfer Adeola Olanrewaju to Xavier's depth chart, the Lady Musketeers were hoping to duplicate last year's victory over Michigan. Looking to make amends for last season they held off the Muskie charge, winning 65-56.

Xavier looked prepared to take on Lipscomb at the Cintas Center this year. Thanks to Boothe's 21 points and a solid game from the youngsters Green and Granderson, the Muskies were able to take care of their Tennessee foe for the second straight year, winning 72-65.

The Lady Musketeers will return to action this weekend as they take on the Hawks of St. Joe's Friday night at 7 p.m. at the Cintas Center. The Muskies will look to pick up their second Atlantic 10 victory in five chances this season.

What's On Tap?

Wednesday

* Men's basketball
at Duquesne
7 p.m.

Friday

* Women's basketball
vs. Saint Joseph's
7 p.m.

Saturday

* Men's basketball
vs. Saint Joseph's
2 p.m.

Sunday

Women's basketball vs.
Fordham
2 p.m.

All home games are in bold

Home basketball games are played in the Cintas Center

GAME OF THE WEEK

Men's Basketball vs.
Saint Joseph's (6)
Saturday 2 p.m.
Cintas Center

The No. 6 Hawks come to Xavier as the highest-ranked team to ever face the Musketeers in the Cintas Center. Saturday's game is crucial in the Muskies' hope to go to the NCAA Tournament this year.

The game promises to be exciting, as last year's contest went into overtime.

BRIEFS

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African Culture Fest at CMC

Cincinnati Museum Center at Union Terminal presents the 19th Annual African Culture Fest.

The culture fest includes performances by the Cincinnati Black Theater, local gospel groups, and African drummers and dancers. An African Village comprised of full-size huts representing several African cultures is also featured.

The African Culture Fest runs from noon to 5 p.m. on Saturday through Sunday. The event is free.

For more information, visit www.cincymuseum.org or call 287-7000.

Cincinnati Art Museum

The Cincinnati Art Museum continues to offer free admission to the general public.

The museum is open from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday and 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Wednesday. It is also open 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.

More information can be found at www.cincinnatiartmuseum.org.

Ain't no 'Cold Mountain' high enough

NICOLE KIDMAN AND JUDE LAW DELIVER IN THIS CIVIL WAR TALE

BY JIM GIMP
 Contributing Writer

"Cold Mountain" is a stirring romantic drama set against the backdrop of the Civil War, filled with rich characterization and a story that takes you on a bold journey sure to rouse joy, pity, pain and passion.

Nestled in the lush rolling hills of North Carolina is the town of Cold Mountain, home of a small, tight-knit community proud of their simple farming life. Enter Ada, (Nicole Kidman, "The Hours"), a dainty southern belle who moves to Cold Mountain with her ailing father (Donald Sutherland, "Outbreak").

The Info

"Cold Mountain"

Newsire Official Grade: A-

Starring: Jude Law, Nicole Kidman, Renée Zellweger, Donald Sutherland, Philip Seymour Hoffman, Natalie Portman

Rating: Rated R for violence, sexuality and some brief nudity

There she meets a quiet workingman named Inman (Jude Law, "The Talented Mr. Ripley") and it becomes love at first sight. Their feelings for each other are sealed when Inman heads off to join the Confed-



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Jude Law tries to best Michael J. Fox's record in Hogan's Alley at the local 7-11.

erate army. Before parting, both swear to each other to be reunited.

While Inman is hospitalized for near-fatal wounds, Ada patiently waits for her love as the months and seasons change.

The circumstances grow more trying for Ada as her father passes away and a savage Confederate official looking for runaway soldiers and mutineers torments the town.

Fortunately, Ada receives support from a courageous mountain girl named Ruby (Renée Zellweger, "Chicago") who also helps Ada find the strong, resourceful woman within.

After regaining his strength, Inman decides to leave the war and return to Ada. Thus beginning his personal odyssey to Cold Mountain

in which he will face grave challenges that push the limits of his love.

Law is the least expressive character in the movie but provides adequate emotional depth as the brooding, lone wolf hero.

Kidman delivers a raw and intense performance as we see her shed the delicate sensibilities of a polite daughter and become a sort of guardian of Cold Mountain.

Zellweger, as country bumpkin, tomboy Ruby, provides the comic relief with her old country swag and charming southern wit.

Not all laughs, Zellweger also breaks down as her character must endure emotional strain in a subplot with her neglectful father returning to her life.

Adapting Charles Frazier's novel, director Anthony Minghella ("The English Patient") has translated words into a majestic and poetic vision filled with breathtaking vistas and blood-soaked battlefields.

The opening scene that recounts the Battle of the Crater, which took place in Virginia in 1864, will go down as a historically important depiction. From the initial explosion that rips the soldiers to shreds to the vicious close-quarter combat, the scene leaves you feeling suffocated as soldiers tear away with bayonets and trample each other in pools of blood.

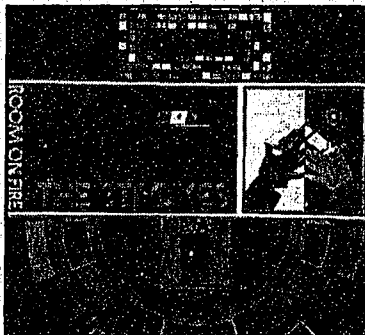
The two pillars that form the movie, including Inman's journey home and Ada's survival in Cold Mountain, are handled with meticulous care by Minghella. He captures the most sincere and gripping moments, enabling us to be submerged in the film's drama.

From Inman's touching encounters, one with a war widow (Natalie Portman, "Anywhere But Here") to Ada's struggle to save her farm, Minghella makes us care for the characters.

The only weakness can be linked to some of Ada's dialogue that, although true to 19th century style, seems strained and melodramatic, especially when she expresses her longing for Inman.

Nonetheless, "Cold Mountain" is a rewarding, cinematic experience that looks, feels and flows like a treasured love story of times past.

In Your Ear



The Strokes
 Room On Fire
 (RCA)

GRADE: C+

The Strokes suffer sophomore slump

The Strokes' second album, *Room On Fire*, picks up where *Is This It?* left off, but rather than giving off the impression of wild-eyed kids heading out for their first pub crawl, The Strokes sound as if they are just as eager to belly-up at an all-night diner the morning after.

Their in-your-face and outta-my-way arrogance has adjusted to a relaxed swagger that stems from the band's obvious comfort with fame.

Songs such as "12:51" and "The End Has No End" will make listeners jealous of the fun naivety that the band shares in seemingly never-ending moments.

Whether it is after the bars close or even in the bathroom, The

Strokes seem open and willing to consummate their fame.

The boys from NYC may give off the impression of heartless swingers, but they are still able to evoke an impression of self-questioning men on the verge of maturity. On "You Talk Way Too Much," the howling lead singer Julian Casablancas pleads, "Give me some time/I just need a little time."

Listeners should be willing to give The Strokes some more time, but waiting for The Strokes to develop at their own pace is like letting a teenager have veto power over curfew. That is exactly why the biggest mistake in making *Room On Fire* was letting initial producer Nigel Godrich (*O.K. Computer*, *Radiohead*, *Sea Change*-Beck) go after a few sessions.

Looking back at their second effort, it is apparent that The Strokes need some sort of direction. By holding tightly to days that consist of drinking and debauchery, they have yet to fully evolve from the superficial makings of a debut album.

In order for The Strokes to achieve the greatness that is intended for them, they need to dig deeper on their next attempt. *Room On Fire* will more than suffice for now, but let's hope that by the next time The Strokes make an album, they will have entered the point of no return: manhood.

—Patrick Gill,
 Contributing Writer



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The Weekenders Committee has the opportunity to assist your club or organization with the funding necessary to fulfill your greatest programming desires. For more information and to pick-up an application, please see Carol Reid x3202 in the Office of Student Life or Cynthia Bellinger x4888 in the SAC Office.

Weekenders provides funding for events starting between 7pm and 10pm on Friday and Saturday nights during the academic year. Proposals must be submitted at least two weeks in advance.



WEDNESDAY

January 14

To quote Teen Girl Squad, "I'm totally bummed that school is happening again this year." Most of this bum has to do with the fact that over Christmas break, I was not attacked by Bigfoot even though I was wandering in the North woods of Wisconsin in a beef suit. Damn Bigfoot attacking everybody else except for me.

Well I hope that everyone bought their books. I decided to not buy my books from the Xavier Bookstore. I got mine from a book peddler named Troxartas, but they smell kind of funny.

Today there is a retirement party for Joan Tiffany Thompson from 3 to 5 p.m. in the Schiff Family Conference Center. If you want some free food, wish Joan a happy retirement and gorge away. Personally, I think it's a diabolical plan.

THURSDAY

January 15

Today is Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday. In remembrance, there is a celebration in Bellarmine Chapel from 7 to 9 p.m. There will be speeches by Bishop E. Lynn Brown, Pastor Peter Matthews, Chavon Mitchell and LaNight Sales.

Everyone knows Dr. King's "I have a Dream" Speech. What they don't know is that in the original draft, he mentioned everyone living in harmony with Bigfoot, which is something that will never happen. Bigfoots are too crazy.

Calendar City

By Josh Kataoka. To place an item in the calendar, mail to newswire-calendar@xavier.edu or ML 2129.

FRIDAY

January 16

Women's basketball will be playing St. Joseph's at the Cintas Center at 7 p.m. Best of luck to them, especially because I have \$400,000 on their game.

There are no actual Calendar events going on today, but I'm going to make up some, in a space I like to call, Xavier Happinins. Today there will be a 24-hour paintball game inside of Gallagher. Bring your own paint, capture the flag rules will apply and there will be four teams of 50 people each. Sign up in the laser tag room in Alter.

Immediately following the paintball game, there will be indoor skydiving in Gallagher. Students will be asked to jump from the third floor, possibly through the plants. At 10 a.m., Physical Plant will be flooding the academic mall, turning it into a giant ice rink. Skating is prohibited although slipping, sliding and checking will be allowed.

Father Graham will be holding an arm wrestling competition from 7 a.m. until someone breaks an arm. It will be located on the top of the world, the North Pole. If you need to dress warm, you're a wimp.

Finally there will be a parade saluting the many talents of Paris Hilton today. Students are reminded that green body paint is not



Does a bear caca in the woods? Well Bigfoot did and it's the Rocky's acceptable.

SATURDAY

January 17

Xavier men's basketball will be playing No.6 ranked St. Joseph's at 2 p.m. Based on mascots alone, I say that the Musketeers win after they spear the Hawks down with their swords.

You know what I hate? When I have to fill up this entire back page with mumbo jumbo. Once again, nothing is happening, anywhere, ever. Let's see. Today is Jim Carrey's birthday as well as Andy Kaufman's. Today is also the birthday of Darth Vader's voice, James Earl Jones. Man thank God for Vader, without him George Lucas would be the failure that he is today. The computer-generated Yoda, I mean come on.

SUNDAY

January 18

Today is the last day for late registration, so if you've been thinking about signing up for classes, make sure you do it before today, slacker.

Misha Datsich will be performing with the Classical Piano Series at 2:30 p.m. in the Gallagher Theatre.

Women's basketball will be defending our honor again as they play Fordham at 2 p.m. in Cintas. If Skinny Tony can spot me a few grand, I can settle a few old debts with this game.

Once again, I've failed to find anything legitimate to write about, so check out this hook while my DJ revolves it.

Have you seen all of those reality shows out now? Ridonkulus! I saw the one with Ron Jeremy on it and all I can say is "gross." What have we reduced ourselves to? Somehow watching overweight porn stars qualifies as amusing now. I remember the good old days of TV when an \$11 million dollar (1982 dollars) talking car named KITT and a handsome man named Michael solved crimes across the country out of the back of a semi-truck. I remember the days when two good old boys used to race around Hazzard County in an orange Charger named after a Civil

War general. In conclusion, I think that we need less reality, and more talking cars, crashing cars, explosions and daisy dukes.

MONDAY

January 19

There is no school today in observance of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday. If you refuse to acknowledge United States holidays, school is cancelled on account of ravioli.

Today is Poe's birthday, you know the American poet of "Quote the Raven" fame. Another notable writer was born today, Shawn Wayans, of "The Wayans' Brothers" fame. Try to watch an episode of "The Wayans' Brothers" and take note of all of the Poe references. There are tons.

TUESDAY

January 20

Tuesday, that's another funny word, just like road and route.

At 8:30 p.m. in Gallagher, there is a meeting for the Relay for Life Team. This is for a great cause. If you need more information, call 891-1600.

There is a meeting for the Relay for Life Committee at 10 p.m. in the Commons, call the above number for more detailed information.

In conclusion, this was the hardest Calendar City ever since there is nothing noteworthy happening, and I'm still ticked about not getting mauled by a 700-pound mountain of flesh in the Northern Wisconsin woods. This is Dr. Josh hoping everyone gets an A.

Travel

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For Rent. 1 or 2 bedroom, \$500/month. 3 bedroom, \$1,100/month. Entire house (sleeps 5) \$1,600/month Located at 3919 Regent Ave. Available 8/1/04. Amenities include A/C, off-street parking, free laundry, fenced-in backyard, close to campus, cable ready, porch. Contact Alex at 513-256-0253.

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